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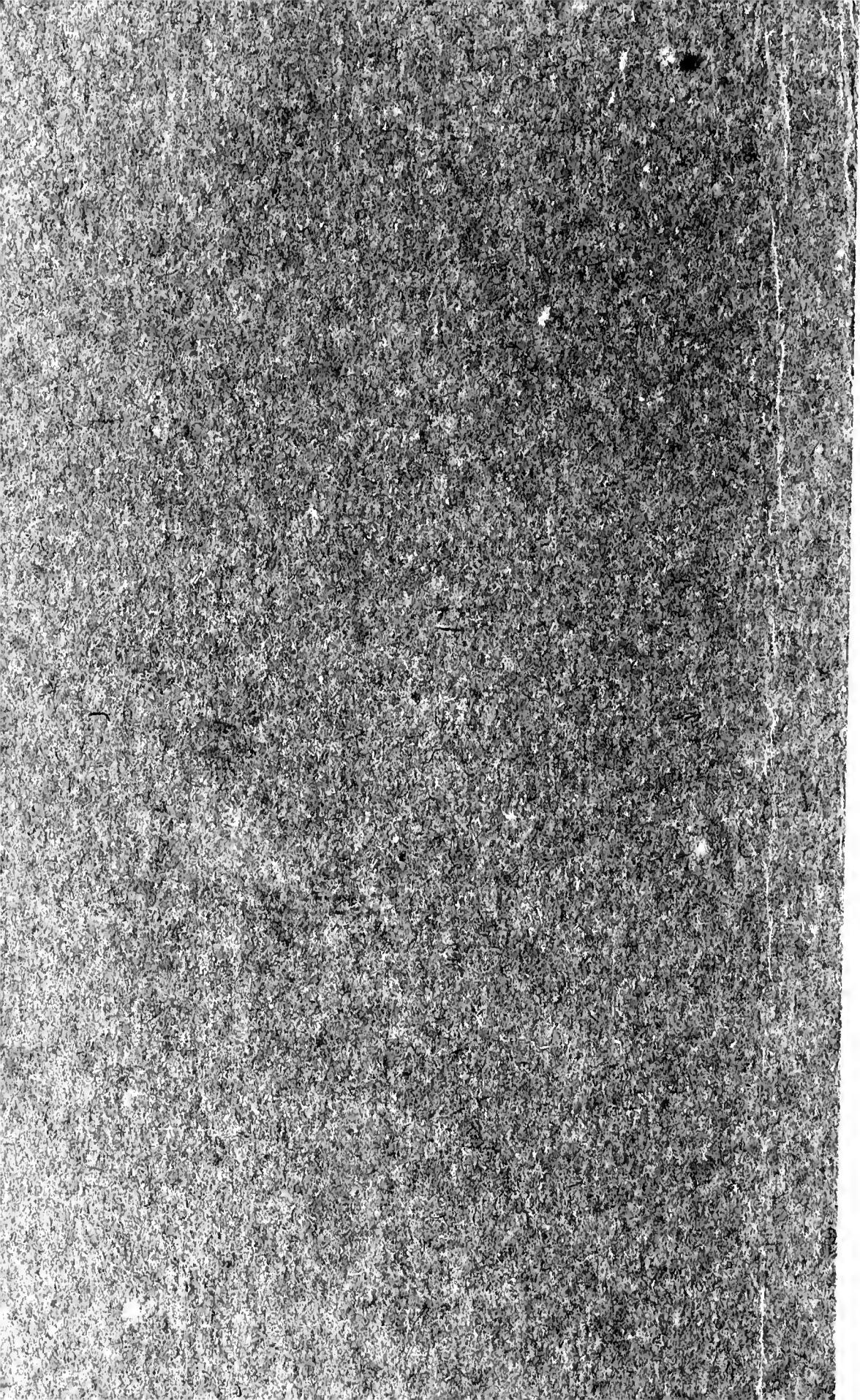
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NEW YORK, February 10, 1903.

In transmitting to you a copy of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee for the year 1902, I beg leave to call your attention to the paragraph on page 8 in regard to membership.

It is very desirable to maintain in full and efficient strength the roll of Members, which is constantly diminished by the decease of many of our oldest and best citizens, heretofore identified with the history, progress, and prosperity of the Society.

By order of the Committee,

SYDNEY H. CARNEY, JR.,

Recording Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY, 1903.

PRESIDENT,

SAMUEL VERPLANCK HOFFMAN.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT,

FREDERIC WENDELL JACKSON.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT,

FRANCIS ROBERT SCHELL.

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ROBERT HENDRE KELBY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST CLASS—FOR ONE YEAR, ENDING 1904.

GEORGE W. VANDERBILT, CHARLES ISHAM,
FRANK TILFORD.

SECOND CLASS—FOR TWO YEARS, ENDING 1905.

JOHN A. WEEKES, J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
GEORGE R. SCHIEFFELIN.

THIRD CLASS—FOR THREE YEARS, ENDING 1906.

E. ROBERT SCHELL, DANIEL PARISH, Jr.,
FREDERIC WENDELL JACKSON.

FOURTH CLASS—FOR FOUR YEARS, ENDING 1907.

ISAAC J. GREENWOOD, CLARENCE STORM,
JAMES WILLIAM BEEKMAN.

DANIEL PARISH, Jr., *Chairman.*

ROBERT H. KELBY, *Secretary.*

[The President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian
are members of the Executive Committee.]



New York Historical Society.

ANNUAL REPORT.

NEW YORK, January 6, 1903.

IN accordance with the By-Laws, the Executive Committee of the New York Historical Society submits herewith its Annual Report for the year 1902.

During the past year the Society held nine stated meetings, at which the following papers were read:

January 7. Annual Meeting. Reports of the Executive Committee, Treasurer, and Librarian, and election of Officers.

February 4. "James Wolfe, the Hero of Quebec," by Miss Mary V. Worstell.

March 4. "History and Humor in Colonial Advertisements," by Mr. Frank Warren Crane.

April 1. "Religious Liberty in Colonial New York," by Mr. Roccellus S. Guernsey.

May 6. "Naval Operations around the Island of Manhattan, 1776," by Mr. Reginald Pelham Bolton.

June 3. "Our French Allies in Westchester County, New York," by Mr. John C. L. Hamilton.

October 7. Resolutions on the death of Dean Hoffman, late President of the Society.

November 5. "The Ceremonies Attending Occupation of

Fort George, this City, by the American Forces on Evacuation by the British Army, November 25, 1783," by the Hon. Asa Bird Gardiner, LL.D.

December 2. "An Address Commemorative of the Very Rev. Eugene Augustus Hoffman, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L.," by the Rev. William R. Huntington, D.D.

Eighty persons were elected to membership in the Society during the year. To the list of deceased associates have been added, among others esteemed by the Society and community, the names of the Very Rev. Eugene Augustus Hoffman, D.D., President of the Society; Nicholas Fish, Second Vice-President of the Society; John J. Tucker, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Richard C. Fellows, John T. Metcalf, M.D., Edward C. Fiedler, John H. Pell, Charles L. Tiffany, Henry G. Marquand, Frederick D. Tappen, Jacob W. Feeter, Cyrus Lawton, Paul Leicester Ford, Randolph W. Townsend, James Benkard, William Miles, Isaac Myer, Luther R. Marsh, Henry W. Bibby, Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., William Allen Butler, Samuel D. Babcock, William Harman Brown, Amasa A. Redfield, Francis A. Palmer, Ferdinand P. Earle, and William Colford Schermerhorn.

On February 19, 1902, Mr. John J. Tucker died. He was a member of the Society since 1874; member of the Executive Committee, 1897, and its Chairman since 1900, from whose meetings he never was absent. He was also a member of the Building Committee.

The Very Rev. Eugene Augustus Hoffman, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., our honored and distinguished President, died June 17, 1902. Resolutions of appreciation and sympathy were adopted at the October meeting, and at the December meeting the Rev. William R. Huntington, D.D., read a paper commemorative of the late President, which is now in press.

The office of Second Vice-President became vacant September 16, 1902, on the death of the Hon. Nicholas Fish, a member of the Society since 1867, member of the Executive Committee, 1900; Domestic Corresponding Secretary, 1900; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, 1901; Second Vice-President, 1902.

The Committee earnestly request that each member nominate at least one new member during the coming year. At the present time there are 1,057 members, of whom 170 are honorary, 515 life, and 372 pay annual dues. In the transac-

tion of the business the Committee has held one special and ten stated meetings.

The Report of the Treasurer exhibits a continuance of the careful management of the Society's funds. The Society has no debts, no mortgage upon the land, buildings, or collections, and no outstanding bills. The income during the year from all sources for general purposes was \$12,789.25, and the expenditures were \$9,337.08. The receipts comprise fees of initiations, life membership, annual dues of members, and interest from the investment of:

1. "*The Eugene Augustus Hoffman Memorial Fund,*" \$47,500. The legacy of Dean Hoffman, 1902, late President of the Society.

Also from the following permanent funds, bequests to the Society without restrictions and kept intact as memorials to their founders:

2. *The Isaiah Thomas Fund.* The legacy of Isaiah Thomas, of Worcester, Mass., in 1832, \$300.

3. *The Elizabeth Demilt Fund.* The legacy of Miss Elizabeth Demilt, of New York, in 1849, \$5,000.

4. *The Seth Grosvenor Fund.* The legacy of Seth Grosvenor, of New York, in 1858, \$10,000.

5. *The David E. Wheeler Fund.* The legacy of David E. Wheeler, of New York, in 1870, \$1,000.

6. *The Thomas Barron Fund.* The legacy of Thomas Barron, of New York, in 1875, \$10,000.

7. *The Richard E. Mount Fund.* The legacy of Richard E. Mount, of New York, in 1880, \$1,000.

8. *The Edward Bill Fund.* The Legacy of Edward Bill, of New York, in 1884, \$5,000.

9. *The Augustus Schell Fund.* The legacy of Augustus Schell, of New York, in 1884, \$5,000.

10. *The Mary Rogers Fund.* The legacy of Mrs. Charles H. Rogers, of New York, in 1891, \$1,000.

11. *The James Francis Evans Fund.* The legacy of Captain James Francis Evans, of New York, in 1893, \$1,000.

12. *The Henry Keteltas Fund.* The legacy of Henry Keteltas, of New York, in 1898, \$5,000.

13. *The Charles P. Daly Fund.* The legacy of Charles P. Daly, of New York, in 1900, \$5,000; and

14. *The Maria Branson Mount Fund.* The legacy of Miss Maria Branson Mount, of New York, in 1901, \$1,000.

Making an aggregate of \$97,800, the interest of which is applicable to the general purposes of the Society. The Society possesses, in addition, the following special funds:

15. *The John Divine Jones Fund.* Founded by John Divine Jones, of New York, in 1879, for the publication and sale by the Society of works relating to the early history of New York and other American Provinces. This fund now amounts to \$3,778.31.

16. *The Fund of the Sons of Rhode Island,* the gift of the Association in New York known by that name during the Civil War, presented in 1866, and devoted to the purchase of works for the Library relating to the history of Rhode Island, \$600.

17. *The Stephen Whitney Phoenix Fund.* The bequest of Stephen Whitney Phoenix, of New York, in 1882, for the maintenance and increase of the Phoenix Collection of Heraldry and Genealogy, \$15,000.

18. *The Publication Fund.* Established by the Society in 1858, for the publication of its Proceedings and Collections. Of the shares of the capital stock of this Fund, limited in number to 1,000, 823 have been sold up to the present time, as follows: 750 shares were sold prior to June 6, 1866, at twenty-five dollars per share; subsequently the price of shares was advanced to fifty dollars, when thirty shares were sold at the latter figure; the price of shares was again advanced January 1, 1883, to one hundred dollars per share, since then forty-three shares have been sold, realizing \$24,550, the interest of which is used for the publication of each successive volume. Originally this fund drew seven per cent.; with the present rate of interest it draws $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The cost of publishing the volumes is expensive, hence the delay in issuing the publications.

The Committee begs leave to call attention to the fact that there remains in the Treasury 177 shares of the capital stock of the Fund. It is desired to increase the capital of the Fund by their sale, to insure the publication of the volumes more promptly. They are offered (every share being entitled to a complete set of twenty-seven volumes of Collections already issued) at the low price of \$100 each. These shares are transferable, and entitle the holder to one copy of each successive annual volume of the series. No investment could be more desirable, as the purchaser acquires a most important

series of volumes relating to the history of America not to be obtained in any other way, as the publications are the dividends earned by the stock, and are deliverable only to stock-holders. Volumes XXV.—XXVII., the first three volumes of a series, consisting of "Abstracts of Wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York," are published. Volume XXVIII. is in press.

The twenty-seven volumes issued contain the following valuable material:

Vol. I. (1868) The Continuation of Chalmers's Political Annals of the American Colonies, 1685-1696. The Colden Letters on Smith's History of New York, 1759-1760. Documents relating to the Administration of Jacob Leisler, 1689-1769.

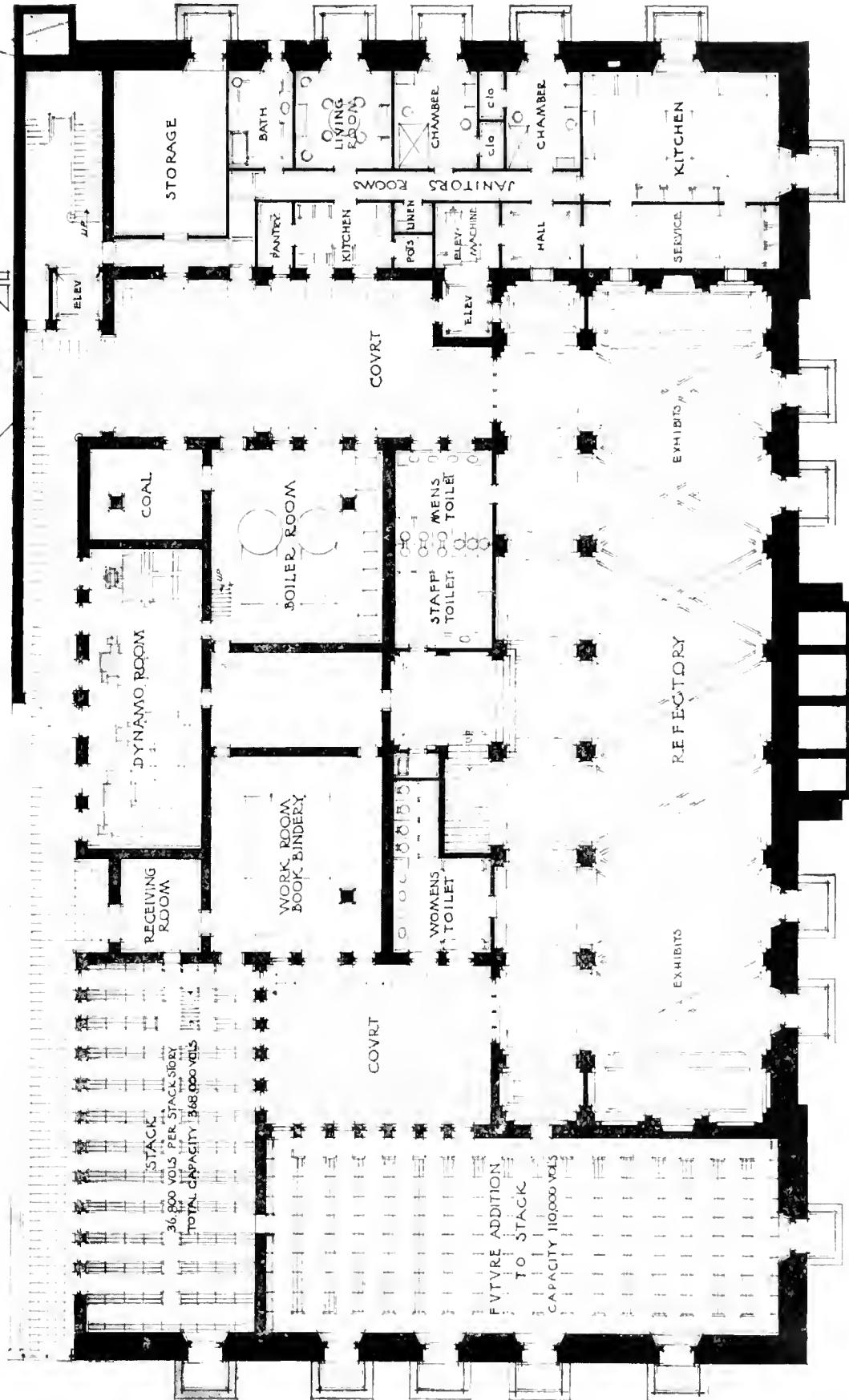
Vol. II. (1869) The Clarendon Papers, relating to New York and New England, 1662-1667. The Destruction of Schenectady, 1690. Montague's Arguments on Acts of New York Assembly, 1701. Colden's Letter on Smith's History of New York, 1759. Plowden's New Albion, 1632-1650. Gardiner's History of East Hampton, New York, 1798. Collection of Evidence and Vindication of the Rights of New York to the New Hampshire Grants.

Vol. III. (1870) Territorial Rights of New York against the Government of New Hampshire, a brief, by James Duane. Old New York and Trinity Church, 1730-1790. Sermon by the Rev. Francis Makemie, 1707.

Vol. IV. (1871) |
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 Vol. VI. (1873) | Lee, 1754-1811.
 Vol. VII. (1874) |

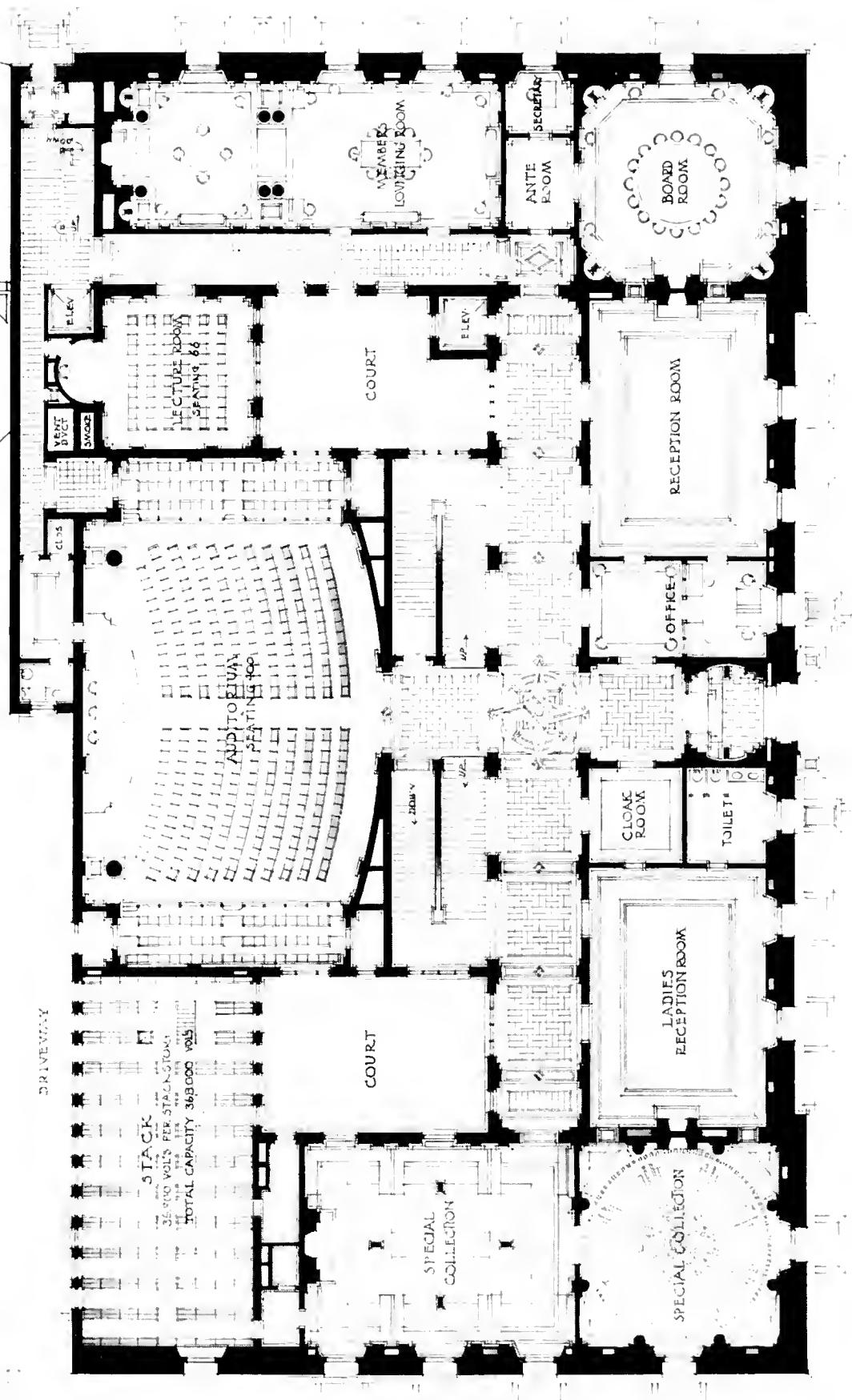
Vol. VIII. (1875) Letters of General Pattison, Commandant of New York City, 1779-1780. Letters to General Lewis Morris, 1775-1782.

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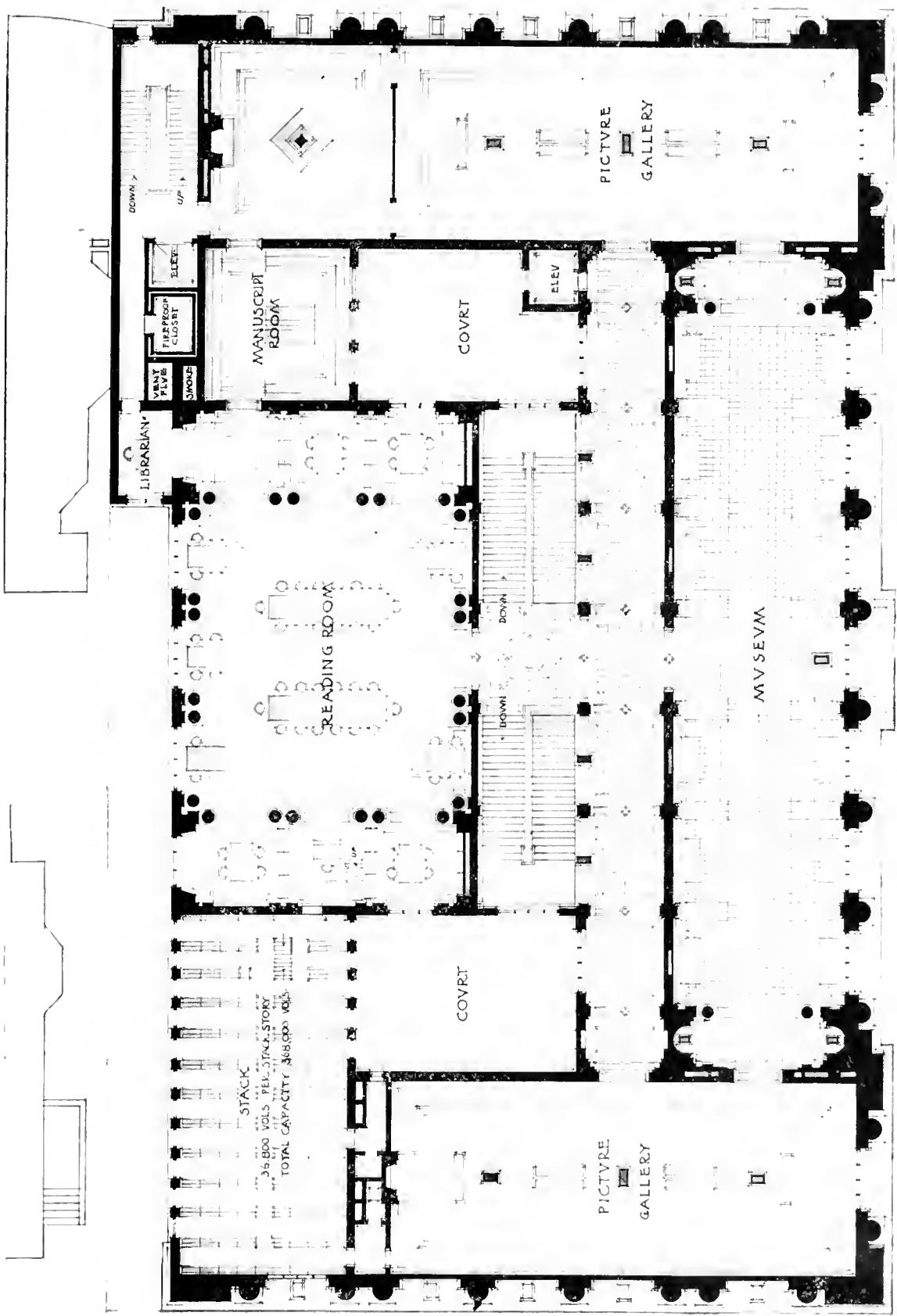


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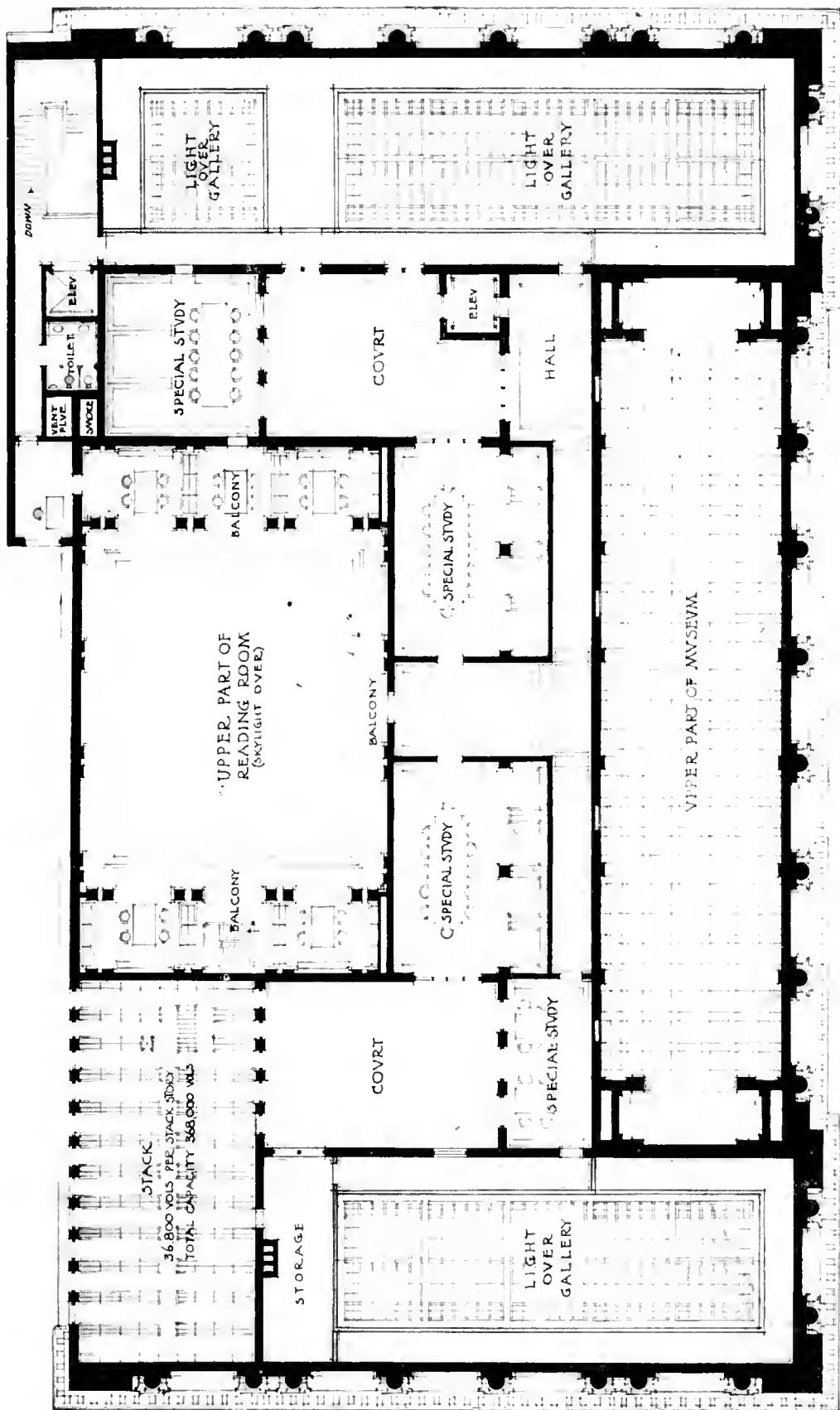
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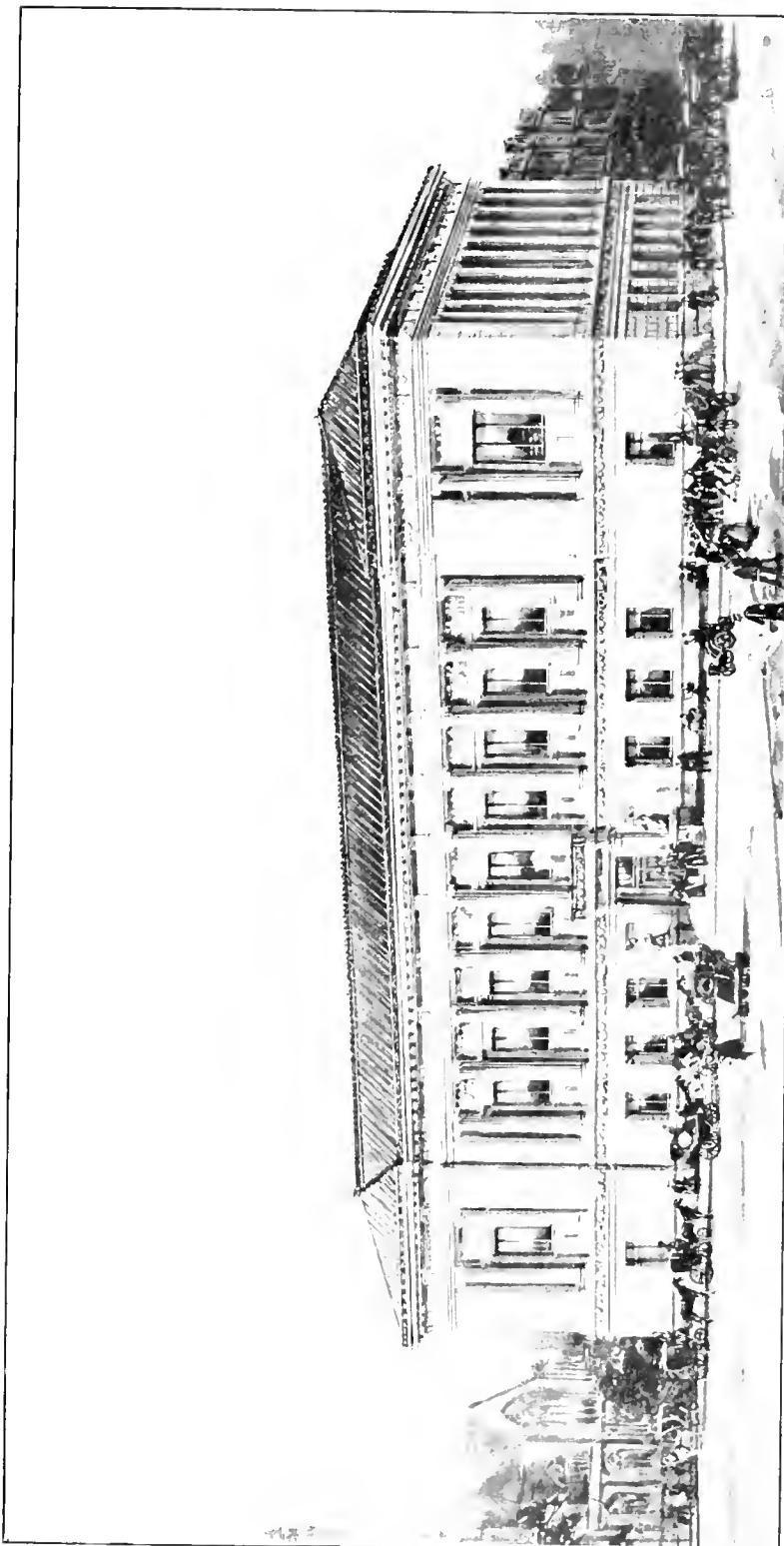


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COMPLETE BUILDING.

Vol. XIX. (1886)		
Vol. XX. (1887)	The Deane Papers, Correspondence, Official and Private, of Silas Deane, 1774-1789.	
Vol. XXI. (1888)		
Vol. XXII. (1889)		
Vol. XXIII. (1890)		
Vol. XXIV. (1891)		Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops, 1755-1764.
Vol. XXV. (1892)	Abstracts of Wills on file in the Surro- gate's Office, City of New York, 1665- 1707.	
Vol. XXVI. (1893)	Same, 1708-1729, with Appendix.	
Vol. XXVII. (1894)	Same, 1730-1744.	
Vol. XXVIII. (1895)	Same, 1744-, in Press.	

And 19. *The Building Fund.* For years it was apparent to the officers that some steps should be taken to procure funds for the erection of a new building. On December 1, 1885, Mr. John S. Kennedy submitted a letter from a friend of the Society stating there was deposited with the Central Trust Company the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building, suitable for the purposes of the institution, subject to the condition that the further sum of \$300,000 shall be secured therefor within two years from November 30, 1885.

It being found impossible to raise the amount within the time specified by the donor, Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, the Society, on November 15, 1887, requested an extension of twelve months, which was granted. The amount of the sum required by its conditions to be subscribed for the proposed object was reduced from \$300,000 to \$150,000.

In January, 1887, the Hon. John Alsop King was elected President of the Society, and became Chairman of the Committee on Subscriptions; active measures were begun, and through the great interest and exertions of President King the necessary sum was secured. The following are the names of the subscribers:

Mrs. Robert L. Stuart.....	\$100,000 00
John S. Kennedy	15,000 00
George W. Vanderbilt	15,000 00
J. Pierpont Morgan.....	10,000 00
Cornelius Vanderbilt.....	10,000 00
Miss Catherine Wolfe Bruce	10,000 00
Miss Matilda Wolfe Bruce.....	10,000 00

John Alsop King.....	8,500 00
Alfred Corning Clark.....	7,200 00
John Divine Jones.....	5,000 00
Mrs. Augustus Schell.....	5,000 00
Miss Charlotte A. Mount.....	2,500 00
Miss Susan Mount.....	2,500 00
William K. Vanderbilt.....	2,000 00
Robert Schell	2,000 00
Benjamin H. Field.....	1,500 00
Henry Herrman	1,000 00
Mrs. Henry Herrman.....	1,000 00
David Dows	1,000 00
William Waldorf Astor.....	1,000 00
Collis P. Huntington.....	1,000 00
Henry G. Marquand.....	1,000 00
Goldsborough Banyer	1,000 00
Ambrose K. Ely.....	1,000 00
Phillips Phoenix	1,000 00
Lloyd Phoenix	1,000 00
W. Bayard Cutting.....	1,000 00
R. Fulton Cutting.....	1,000 00
Miss Julia Rhinelander.....	1,000 00
Miss Serena Rhinelander.....	1,000 00
Robert J. Livingston	1,000 00
Darius O. Mills.....	1,000 00
William H. Jackson.....	1,000 00
Charles Lanier.....	1,000 00
James M. Constable.....	1,000 00
Robert Winthrop	1,000 00
Percy R. Pyne.....	1,000 00
Frederick Billings.....	1,000 00
Cornelius N. Bliss.....	1,000 00
Gerard Beekman.....	1,000 00
Daniel Parish, Jr.....	1,000 00
John A. Weekes.....	1,000 00
Franklin H. Delano.....	1,000 00
Adrian Iselin	1,000 00
Frederick Sturges.....	1,000 00
Charles L. Tiffany.....	1,000 00
William C. Schermerhorn.....	1,000 00
William Austin.....	1,000 00
William L. Skidmore.....	1,000 00
Samuel D. Babcock.....	1,000 00
William D. Sloane.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Charles H. Rogers.....	1,000 00
William B. Isham.....	1,000 00
Abram Dubois, M.D.....	1,000 00
David Stewart	1,000 00
Miss Rachel L. Kennedy.....	1,000 00
Harris C. Fahnestock	1,000 00
Levi P. Morton.....	1,000 00
George Bliss.....	1,000 00
Daniel B. Fayerweather.....	1,000 00
Woodbury G. Langdon.....	1,000 00
Orlando B. Potter	1,000 00
Martin E. Greene.....	1,000 00
Samuel Riker.....	900 00
Albert R. Gallatin.....	500 00
Miss Mary L. Kennedy.....	500 00
William Astor	500 00
Thomas N. Lawrence.....	500 00
Mrs. Sarah J. Zabriskie.....	500 00
Morris K. Jesup	500 00

Frederick F. Thompson.....	500 00
George G. Williams.....	500 00
Elliott F. Shepard	500 00
J. Hampden Robb.....	500 00
Isaac J. Greenwood.....	500 00
Mary Greenwood	500 00
Andrew C. Zabriskie.....	500 00
Edward F. de Lancey.....	500 00
Mrs. William H. Osborn.....	500 00
Richard T. Auchmuty.....	500 00
William M. Evarts.....	500 00
Henry Dexter	500 00
A. Van Horne Stuyvesant.....	250 00
Charles Howland Russell.....	250 00
Maturin L. Delafield.....	250 00
Mrs. Jonathan Sturges	250 00
George Peabody Wetmore	250 00
Mrs. Frank W. Jackson.....	250 00
Amos R. Eno.....	250 00
Josiah M. Fiske.....	250 00
Frederic Bronson	250 00
John L. Riker	200 00
Herman C. van Post	200 00
William Remsen	200 00
Jacob Wendell	200 00
George F. Baker	200 00
James C. Carter.....	200 00
Hugh N. Camp.....	200 00
Charles W. Sloane.....	200 00
Elbridge T. Gerry	100 00
Stuyvesant Fish	100 00
John H. Riker.....	100 00
William T. Buckley.....	100 00
Jenkins Van Schaick.....	100 00
Rev. Samuel M. Jackson.....	100 00
Samuel Sloan.....	100 00
Charles G. Langdon.....	100 00
James W. Gerard.....	100 00
Frederick B. Jennings.....	100 00
Mrs. James A. Glover.....	100 00
John Bigelow.....	100 00
Robert Halstead.....	100 00
William Lummis.....	100 00
Edward N. Dickerson.....	100 00
Henry T. Drowne.....	100 00
Robert Harris.....	100 00
Hicks Arnold.....	100 00
Orlando M. Harper.....	100 00
Charles A. Peabody.....	100 00
James D. Lynch.....	100 00
John T. Agnew.....	100 00
John A. Hadden.....	100 00
Henry Clews.....	100 00
Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix.....	100 00
James A. Garland.....	100 00
James Talcott.....	100 00
Charles F. Southmayd.....	100 00
Rev. Richard L. Burtsell.....	100 00
Hiram Hitchcock.....	100 00
Robert Ray Hamilton.....	100 00
Abram S. Hewitt.....	100 00
Albert L. Loomis, M.D.....	100 00
Henry C. Sturges.....	100 00

W. Seward Webb, M.D.	100 00
Walter Langdon	100 00
Franklin Burdge	100 00
Woolsey R. Hopkins	100 00
John McKesson, Jr.	100 00
Henry Dudley	100 00
Jonathan H. Crane	100 00
Elihu Chauncey	50 00
Henry E. Lawrence	50 00
Oliver G. Barton	50 00
John T. Lockman	50 00
Hamilton B. Tompkins	50 00
John Clinton Gray	50 00
William Augustus White	50 00
Thomas C. Wood	50 00
Robert Goelet	25 00
Ogden Goelet	25 00
Henry E. Gregory	25 00
Charles E. Strong	25 00
Edgar M. Crawford	25 00
John S. Craig	25 00
Lazarus Rosenfeld	25 00
Addison Brown	25 00
Richard J. Leggat	25 00
George Wilson	25 00

On May 21, 1889, a special Committee was appointed to examine and report on a suitable site for a new building. In answer to an inquiry concerning the possible purchase of the Madison Avenue front of the Lenox Library, the Trustees of that institution advised the Committee that the property was not for sale. It being found that no suitable site on the east side could be secured at a cost within the means of the Society, the Committee selected the property situated on Eighth Avenue (Central Park West), consisting of ten city lots, with a frontage of 204 feet on the avenue and a depth of 125 feet on Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh streets, respectively. The purchase was effected June 1, 1891.

The site secured for the future home of the Society is an admirable one, facing Central Park on the east and Manhattan Square on the north; the future position of the proposed building will guarantee safety from fire and abundance of air and light. The transverse roads through Central Park and the new method of rapid transit will insure its convenience of access, while its proximity to the American Museum of Natural History will make it a centre of attraction to members, students, and visitors.

In consequence of the depression of business throughout the country the special committee whose appointment was authorized by the Society to solicit subscriptions for the

erection of the new building were unable to report any progress until 1899, when subscriptions amounting to \$17,000 were received.

After the death of the Hon. John Alsop King, President of the Society, Dean Hoffman succeeded to the Presidency, January 2, 1901, and took active measures to procure additional subscriptions toward the erection of the new building.

On June 4, 1901, a "Building Committee," of which the President was Chairman, was appointed to receive and report upon plans for the proposed new building. It was decided to erect the central portion, 135 x 115 feet, on the lines of American Colonial architecture, from plans of Messrs. York and Sawyer. The estimated cost was about \$400,000. A circular was forwarded to the members of the Society stating these facts and requesting subscriptions. The following subscriptions have been received:

Legacy of the late Robert Schell.....	\$23,812 50
Arthur Milton Huntington.....	20,000 00
Miss Matilda Wolfe Bruce.....	15,000 00
The Very Reverend Eugene Augustus Hoffman, D.D.....	10,000 00
F. Robert Schell.....	10,000 00
"A Friend of the Society" (through Gouverneur Tillotson)	10,000 00
"A Friend of the Society" (through Samuel Thorne).....	10,000 00
John Alsop King.....	5,000 00
Miss Charlotte A. Mount.....	5,000 00
Miss Susan Mount.....	5,000 00
Charles A. Sherman (in memory of Charles P. Huntington)	5,000 00
Mrs. Frederick F. Thompson.....	5,000 00
William C. Schermerhorn.....	5,000 00
Mrs. Eugene Augustus Hoffman.....	2,000 00
Miss Phebe Anne Thorne.....	1,000 00
Miss Mary Rhinelander King.....	1,000 00
Miss Serena Rhinelander.....	1,000 00
Edward S. Clark.....	1,000 00
Daniel Parish, Jr.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Richard T. Auchmuty.....	1,000 00
Herman C. von Post.....	1,000 00
Theodore F. Jackson.....	1,000 00
Isaac J. Greenwood.....	1,000 00
Mrs. James M. Lawton.....	1,000 00
Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes.....	1,000 00
Nicholas Fish.....	1,000 00
Charles A. Hoyt.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Charles Frederick Hoffman.....	1,000 00
Frederic Wendell Jackson.....	1,000 00
Henry Phipps.....	1,000 00
George G. Williams.....	1,000 00
William K. Vanderbilt.....	1,000 00
James Speyer.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Joseph M. White.....	1,000 00
Samuel Sloan.....	1,000 00
Frank Tilford.....	1,000 00

Mrs. Henry Herrman.....	1,000 00
Henry H. Cook.....	1,000 00
George F. Baker.....	1,000 00
Harris C. Fahnestock.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Morris K. Jesup.....	1,000 00
Mrs. John E. Parsons	1,000 00
Murray Guggenheim.....	500 00
John C. Osgood.....	500 00
John E. Parsons.....	500 00
Frederick Blllings.....	500 00
Mrs. J. Henry Watson.....	500 00
Mrs. Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr.....	500 00
Mrs. Charles L. Hackstaff.....	500 00
Samuel Verplanck Hoffman.....	500 00
Mrs. Daniel M. Stimson.....	300 00
Sidney Webster.....	250 00
Mrs. J. Herman Aldrich.....	250 00
Stuyvesant Fish.....	250 00
John C. Havemeyer.....	200 00
William Alexander Smith.....	100 00
Marinus W. Dominick.....	100 00
James J. Higginson.....	100 00
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.....	100 00
Woodbury G. Langdon.....	100 00
Anson Phelps Stokes.....	100 00
Nathaniel W. Hunt.....	100 00
A. Lanfear Norrie.....	50 00
Addison Brown.....	50 00
Frederic J. de Peyster.....	50 00
George Abeel.....	25 00
Mrs. Eugenia Brodhead.....	25 00
Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Huntington.....	25 00
Abram S. Post.....	25 00
Evert Jansen Wendell.....	25 00
Francis E. Woodruff.....	25 00
Mrs. Frederick Hasbrouck.....	25 00
Jacob Rothschild.....	20 00
J. Marcus Boorman.....	20 00
Samuel Sherwood.....	15 00
Miss Mary F. Hall.....	10 00
John Neilson Beekman, M.D.....	10 00
The Rev. Thomas Gallaudet.....	10 00
Wm. Gray Schaufler, M.D.....	5 00
Cash	1 00

The informal breaking of ground for the new building took place September 10, 1902. Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, son of our late President, raised the first spade of earth in the presence of the Recording Secretary, the Librarian, and Mr. Philip Sawyer, of the firm of York & Sawyer, Architects.

On September 24, 1902, a contract was made for the excavations and foundations for the new building; the work has steadily progressed and is now near its completion. It is hoped that contributions will be made by the members and friends of the Society sufficient in amount to insure the completion of the building by November, 1904, the Centennial of the founding of the institution.

The balances to the credit of the Society are as follows:

1. In the Bank of the Metropolis: Annual dues, interest, etc., for current expenses.....	\$3,452 17
2. In the Bank of the Metropolis: Interest of the Phoenix Fund	295 57
3. In the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co.: Publication Fund	13,021 43
The John Divine Jones Fund.....	2,202 16
4. In the Central Trust Company: Building Fund.....	120,766 43
5. In the New York Security & Trust Company: " The Eugene Augustus Hoffman Memorial Fund "	47,500 00
Phoenix Fund	15,000 00

The report of the Librarian shows an increase during the past year of 3,241 volumes of books, 4,390 pamphlets, 83 bound volumes and 1,344 numbers of old newspapers, 79 volumes and 385 separate manuscripts, 27 bound volumes of maps and 419 separate maps, 215 broadsides, 85 lithographs, and 83 engravings. The Phoenix Collection of Heraldry and Genealogy has been increased by purchase and donation 126 volumes, 160 pamphlets, and 27 charts.

To the archives of the Society have been added the "Rufus King Papers," consisting of the letters and correspondence of the Hon. Rufus King, placed in the custody of the Society by Mrs. Charles R. King, at the request of the late Charles R. King, M.D., the Hon. John Alsop King, late President of the Society, and Mr. Edward King; also, sundry papers of Colonel Timothy Pickering relating to this city, presented by his great-grandson, Mr. John Pickering, and the "Leggett Papers," 1657-1746, relating to the early history of the northern section of the present City of New York, presented by Mr. Francis W. Leggett.

The following portraits in oil have been added to the Gallery of Art: The Very Rev. Eugene Augustus Hoffman, painted for the Society by H. T. See; William Walton and Cornelia Beekman, his wife, bequest of the late Theodora M. Storm; David Grim, painted, 1812, by Samuel L. Waldo, bequest of his great-granddaughter, the late Sophie E. Minton; Zophar Mills, painted by Frank B. Carpenter, presented by his daughter, Adelaide Mills.

The Gallery now contains 878 paintings, of which 195 form the nucleus of an American portrait gallery, and 64 pieces of sculpture. The collection includes that of the New York Gallery of Fine Arts, which came into its possession in 1858 through the exertions of the late Jonathan Sturges; the

pictures of the American Art Union, the celebrated Bryan Gallery of Old Masters, presented by the late Thomas J. Bryan in 1867; the Durr Collection, presented by the executors of the late Louis Durr, in 1882. The Gallery is also enriched by the original water-colors prepared by Audubon for his work on Natural History.

The collection in the Department of Antiquities embraces the Abbott Collection of Egyptian Antiquities, purchased for the Society in 1859, and the Nineveh Sculptures, presented by the late James Lenox in 1857.

In view of the near approach of the Centennial of the Society, the Committee repeats a brief retrospect of its history.

On November 20, 1804, Egbert Benson, DeWitt Clinton, Rev. Drs. William Linn, Samuel Miller, John N. Abeel, John M. Mason, Dr. David Hoosack, Anthony Bleecker, Samuel Bayard, Peter G. Stuyvesant, and John Pintard, eleven well-known and influential citizens, met by appointment in the Picture room of the City Hall, and agreed to organize a Society, the principal design of which should be to collect and preserve materials relating to the natural, civil, or ecclesiastical history of the United States in general, and of the State of New York in particular. It was further agreed that this organization should be called The New York Historical Society.

Active measures were at once taken to secure books, manuscripts, statistics, newspapers, pictures, antiquities, medals, coins, and specimens in natural history, thus commencing in a comprehensive manner the formation of a Library and Museum for the preservation of materials relating to American history and science. Attention was called through the press to the importance of cherishing public records and private papers, and their value to the student in elucidating the history of the State and country was impressed upon the public mind. Special committees were formed in the various departments to further the progress of this important work. All were quite successful in their efforts, and the material thus gathered formed the nucleus of the magnificent collection of which to-day the Society may be justly proud.

This is an age of specialization, and as the popular interest in studies of this character has increased, many of these Special Committees developed into separate Societies who charged themselves with promoting more fully their respective objects; and several of these outgrowths of this Society

as the parent stock are in a flourishing condition at the present time.

After occupying rooms in different locations—in the Old City Hall from 1804 to 1809, the Government House from 1809 to 1816, the New York Institution from 1816 to 1832, Remsen's Building in Broadway from 1832 to 1837, the Stuyvesant Institute from 1837 to 1841, the New York University from 1841 to 1857—and after overcoming many serious and almost fatal obstacles to its progress, the Society celebrated its Fifty-third Anniversary by taking possession of its present edifice, then supposed sufficiently capacious for the future wants of the institution, but which is now overcrowded with its collections in history, art, and antiquity.

The Society is eminently a public institution. Its design is national and patriotic; its membership is within the access of every citizen; the use of its collections is denied to none. It is neither sectarian in its objects, nor exclusive in their direction. It seeks now a building which may permanently cover its collections, and that object being obtained, it can more readily extend its influence.

By order of the Committee,

[Signed] CHARLES A. SHERMAN,
Chairman pro tem.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT, 1902.

General Account:

Receipts	\$12,780 25
Payments	9,337 08
Balance in Bank of the Metropolis.....	\$3,452 17

Phoenix Fund (Interest):

Receipts	\$916 10
Payments	620 53
Balance in Bank of the Metropolis.....	\$295 57

Publication Fund:

Receipts and Principal.....	\$15,493 59
Payments	2,472 16
Balance in New York Life Insurance & Trust Co.	\$13,021 43

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

Grosvenor Fund:

Bond and Mortgage, at 5 per cent.....	\$6,000 00
" " at 4 per cent.....	1,000 00
" " at 4½ per cent.....	3,000 00
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Barron Fund: Bond and Mortgage, at 4½ per cent.....	\$10,000 00
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Bill Fund " " at 4½ per cent.....	5,000 00
Schell Fund " " at 4½ per cent.....	5,000 00
Wheeler Fund " " at 5 per cent.....	1,000 00
Thomas Fund " " at 5 per cent.....	300 00
Sons of R. I. " " at 5 per cent.....	600 00
Daly Fund " " at 4½ per cent.....	5,000 00
Maria Branson Mount Fund " at 4½ per cent.....	1,000 00
Richard E. Mount Fund " at 4½ per cent.....	1,000 00
Rogers Fund " " at 5 per cent.....	1,000 00
Keteltas Fund " " at 4 per cent.....	5,000 00
Evans Fund: Bond of Forty-second Street, Manhattanville & St. Nicholas Avenue R.R. Co., at 6 per cent.....	1,000 00

Jones Fund:

Bond and Mortgage, at 5 per cent.....	\$1,750 00
In New York Life Insurance & Trust Co....	2,202 16
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	\$3,952 16

Publication Fund:

Bond and Mortgage, at 5 per cent.....	\$11,350 00
" " at 4 per cent.....	1,000 00
" " at 4½ per cent.....	1,000 00
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	\$13,350 00

The Eugene Augustus Hoffman Memorial Fund in New York Security & Trust Co.....	\$47,500 00
Phoenix Fund in New York Security & Trust Co.....	15,000 00

Building Fund in Central Trust Co.....	\$120,766 43
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Total.....	\$268,237 76
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CHARLES A. SHERMAN,
Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP.

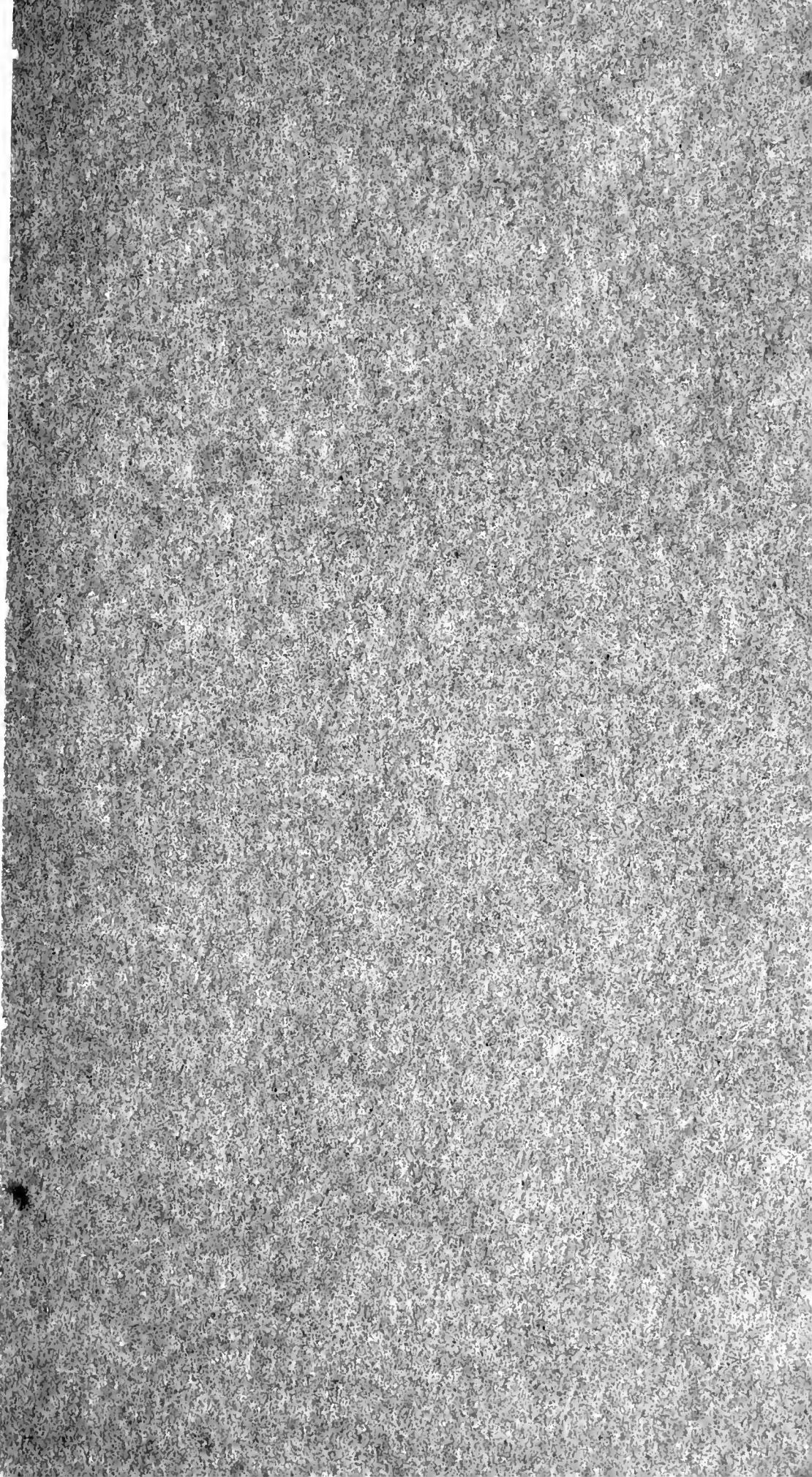
Members, on their election, pay an initiation fee of Twenty Dollars, which includes dues for the current year, and annually thereafter Ten Dollars as dues; or, a life-membership fee of One Hundred Dollars, in lieu of all other dues and fees.

Nominations are to be sent by members to the Recording Secretary.

Members have the privilege of introducing visitors to the rooms of the Society by their card or a note, and of bringing two persons with them to the monthly meetings.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I GIVE and bequeath to "THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY," founded in the year 1804, and incorporated by the Legislature of New York in the year 1809, the sum of dollars.



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